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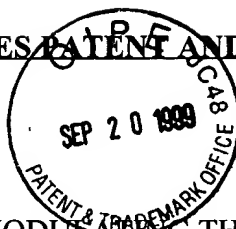
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on June 25, 1999 and the Personal Interview with the Examiner held on August 23, 1999 between Examiner H. Lilling and Counsel for Applicant, Mark A. Litman, Registration No. 26,390.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

The only changes in the claims are to place them in proper form for reissue, by underlining all new claims as required in the MPEP, as noted by the Examiner:

1. (AS ISSUED IN PATENT, NOT AMENDED) A method of suppressing the growth of Gram-positive bacteria in a host medium, said host medium being selected from the group consisting of in vitro and cell cultures, said method comprising the introduction of an effective amount of a catecholamine to the host medium to act directly on the growth of Gram-positive bacteria.
2. (AS ISSUED IN PATENT, NOT AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the catecholamine is selected from epinephrine and norepinephrine.

DELETE CLAIMS 3-22 AND REPLACE WITH IDENTICAL CLAIMS 23-42, DIFFERING ONLY IN THAT ALL CLAIMS ARE FULLY UNDERLINED, AND DEPENDENCY NUMBERING HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY CHANGED: